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# Weekly Views

The Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility's CLIFF unit was honored by the Drug Free Cass County Council as its 2010 Recovery Advocate of the Year. The award was presented in recognition of outstanding contributions to the cause of addiction treatment, prevention and advocacy.

The Branchville Correctional Facility's Children's Center hosted their annual Children's Halloween Festival. 13 offender dads and 15 kids attended the event and were treated to pizza, chips and soft drinks. The kids played games for treats and prizes while enjoying an extended visit with their dads.

Inside/Out Dads hosted its annual Halloween Party at the Correctional Industrial Facility. There were 70 children and 45 fathers in attendance. This program's events help to strengthen the family bond between the child and father which is a crucial point for re-entry success. Each child left with a bag of goodies.

The Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) has invited Jim Morris, President/Executive Advisor of the Pacer's Organization to attend its "Fifth Sunday Chaplain's Choice" on Sunday, October 31, 2010.

No tricks, just treats were in goodie bags provided to students at the Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility by offenders from Madison Correctional Facility's therapeutic community GRIP.

Brief Back were recently presented to Commissioner Buss and Chief Ronay during Wabash Valley Correctional Facility's Advisory Board meeting. Offender Mental Health, Physical Plant and Human Resources challenges were among the topics covered during a lively idea exchange between board members and staff.

Congratulations to Ms. Evelyn Hicks, Education Project Manager at the Correctional Industrial Facility, for donating the most money from CIF to the Camp Riley for Kids Fund. (see photo right)



The Pendleton Correctional Facility conducted a Staff Assembly. Guests included State Senator Tim Lanane, former Regional Director Ron Anderson, Ombudsman Bureau Director Charlene Burkett, and several community volunteers associated with the Kairos Prison Ministry Program who have been assisting staff in the preparation of offender meals during the lockdown. Officer Mark Hahn was recognized as Employee of the Quarter and Lt. Levi Stonebarger as Supervisor of the Quarter.

The Westville Correctional Facility (WCC) Recreation Department hosted an afternoon of basketball and entertainment. WCC's Varsity and Junior Varsity offender basketball teams went up against a team from the University of St. Francis in Fort Wayne. The St Francis Cougars barely slipped by their Westville Varsity contenders, 100-97.

Students from Grace College came to the Indiana State Prison and played two basketball games with the offenders. Grace College won both games.

Miami Correctional Facility held a soup fundraiser for its Employee Appreciation Fund, raising \$100. The facility had 6 people participate by bringing in a crock pot full of soup to sell.

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility had approximately 75 visitors to the facility to celebrate either their son's GED Graduation or attend Parent/Teacher Conferences.



KAIROS Prison Ministry was held at the Indiana State Prison. Kairos addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men. 36 offenders participated in the program and approximately 100 previous offender alumni attended the closing ceremony.

The Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) sponsored a bake sale with the donations going to the Employee Appreciation Fund. The baked goods were donated by CIF employees.

A group from Aftercare for Indiana through Mentoring (AIM) visited the Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility (IREF) as part of their Prisoner Re-Entry Training. The group toured the facility grounds, including the resident living quarters and the Family Education Department. The tour ended with a panel discussion with residents about re-entry preparations. (see photo above.)